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From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, Nov. 5.

Rome, Oct. 22.

ON Thurſday the Pope beſtowed a conſiderable Sum of Money on ſeveral poor Families recommended to his Charity by Cardinal Gualtieri. The Pretendreſs has received a Letter from her Spouſe, upon his Arrival at Bologno; but the Contents are kept ſecret: However, as the Princeſs Piombino, was on Wedneſday laſt to viſit her in the Nunnery. 'Tis ſuppoſed the Letter has been communicated to her, for her Cordial Advice. They write from Palermo, that the Vice Roy had ordered a Day of Humiliation and Prayer, to beg the Almighty to avert for the future, ſuch dreadful Accidents of Earthquakes which of late have happened in that Kingdom.

Peterſburg, Oct. 11. The Duke of Holſtein Biſhop of Lubeck, is treated with ſuch Diſtinction as hardly can be expreſſed; immediately after his Arrival, the Empreſs made hima very rich Preſent of Jewels: He and his Retinue are defrayed by the Court, they continue to work hard about the 30 Gallies on the Stocks, which they reckon will be ready next Month. They talk alſo of augmenting the Marines. According to the Advices of M. Romanzoff, the miſerable State Conſtantinople is reduced to by the Plague is inexpreſſible, ſeeing not only the Seraglio, but likewiſe all the Moſques, and moſt of the Houſes of that great City are ſhut up.

Milan, Oct. 28. The Imperial Forces are now recruiting, and the Regiments filling up. The Government has alſo ordered the Fortifications on the Frontier Places of this Dutchy to be put into a Poſture of Defence.

Florence, Oct. 30. The Great Duke rode out Yeſterday to take the Air, and returned in three Hours to the Ducal Palace. The Government here ſeem very eaſy at their remaining Neuter, in Relation to the Treaties of Vienna and Hanover; and all the preſſing Inſtances of the Emperor are now ceaſed: In the mean Time, his Highneſs has ordered his Officers to keep the Soldiers in good Diſcipline.

Hague, Nov. 5. The States have reſolved to put their Frontiers into a ſufficient Poſture of Defence; in Conſideration of the Appearance there is of a ſpeedy Rupture: And for this End, they have ſettled a Fund for augmenting their Troops with 9474 Men.

Fountainbleau, Nov. 7. On the 5th the Chevalier de Sainctot, Introductor of Ambaſſadors, went with the King and Queen's Coaches to the Cardinal de Fleury, and conducted him to the King with the Abbot de Gualtieri, Chamberlain of Honour to the Pope, who was ſent by his Holineſs to bring the Cap to Cardinal de Fleury. The Abbot was introduced with the uſual Ceremony to Audience, which the King gave him in his Cloſet, where he preſented to his Majeſty his Holineſs's Brief. After this Audience, the King went down into the Chapel, whither Cardinal Fleury went at the Maſs, conducted by the Chevalier Sainctot. The Marquis de Dreux Grand Maſter of the Ceremonies, and Mr. Deſgranges, Maſter of Ceremonies, received Cardinal de Fleury, who placed himſelf near the Prayer-Desk of the King, and at the Goſpel-ſide of the Altar. The Abbot Gualtieri, dreſs'd in his Habit of Ceremony, having delivered into the Hands of the Cardinal the Pope's Brief, went to take from a ſmall Table, prepar'd on purpoſe on the Epiſtle-Side of the Altar, a Silver gilt Baſon, on which lay the Cap, and preſented it to the King; The King took the Cap, and put it upon the Head of the Cardinal, who received it with a profound Reverence, and the ſame Inſtant took it off. Aſſoon as his Majeſty began to walk out of the Chapel, the Cardinal went into the Veſtry, where he put on the Habit of his new Dignity. Then he went up Stairs to the King, accompanied by the Marquis de Dreux and Mr. Deſgranges; and the Chevalier de Sainctot, Introductor of Ambaſſadors, introdcced him to the King's Cloſet, where the Cardinal gave Thanks to his Majeſty.

Portſmouth, Nov. Almoſt all the Land Forces are come on Shore, and the reſt are expected to follow this Day. The Tyger was ſheathed laſt Night, and the Portland lay ready to ſucceed her.

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London, Nov. 5. Laſt Night the Corpſe of M. Mahomet, one of his Majeſty's Valet de Chambre, was privately interred at the Savoy Church.

We have an Account from Netherbury in Dorſetſhire, that a Man of that Pariſh was lately ſent to Dorcheſter Jail, for having been concerned in the Murder of five Children he had by his Wife's Siſter. It ſeems, he had told, ſome Years ago, to one of his Apprentices, that he had had five Children by his Siſter, and had murthered them, three whereof were buried in a certain Well; but he bid the Lad conceal it; which he did for a conſiderable Time; and after he had left his Maſter he went into the Army: But this run ſo ſtrong in his Mind, that he deſired Leave to go home to diſcover it; which he did; but the People would not mind him, the Perſon whom he accuſed, being a Man of Credit and Reputation. He went therefore back again to his Regiment, where he could not be eaſy about this Matter: But lately he got Leave to return home again; and then made Oath before a Magiſtrate, of what he knew, and the Well where the Children were buried. Upon which a Warrant was granted; and ſearch being made accordingly, they found Part of three Children wrapped up in a thick Paper, on which the Father's Name was written; and he was committed to the County Jail.

They write from Yorkſhire, that his R. Highneſs's Birthday was celebrated with great Joy at Marſton, the Seat of Edward Thomſon Member of Parliament for York. The Day began with a Fox-Chace, when the Gentlemen appear'd in new Green Cloaths lac'd with Silver; afterwards a Smock was given to be run for by Colonel Ligonier, and 8 Maidens ſtarted for it. Then a Hat was cudgell'd for; and a Silver Thimble was danc'd for. When this was over, all that could bear Arms formed into a Battallion, fired three Rounds, drinking his R. Highneſs's Health, with a Huzza after each Fire; ſeveral Ladies bore Arms on this happy Occaſion. The Night concluded with a Ball, a Bonfire, Ringing of Bells, and drinking his Majeſty, the Prince and Princeſs, the Royal Family, Proſperity to the Trade and Navigation of the City of York, and the Manufactures of the County, with Succeſs to Mr. Turner at the enſuing Election, and ſuch other loyal Healths.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, Nov. 5.

Venice, Oct. 19. The Marquis de Mari, Lieutenant General of his Catholick Majeſty's Armies, having finiſhed his Commiſſion with this Republick, departed ſome Days ago for Barcelona. There is a Report, That he has bought here ſome Men of War, and great Quantities of Timber for building Ships.

Vienna, Oct. 19. Count Teſſin, the Swediſh Envoy Extraordinary, has had Audience of Leave of his Imperial Majeſty, who preſented him with his Picture ſet with Diamonds.

London, Nov. 5. Mr. Probyne is made one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Court of King's Bench, in the Room of Sir Littleton Powis. Mr. Baron Page is made one of his Majeſty's Juſtices in the Court of Common Pleas. And Mr. Serjeant Cumins and Mr. Serjeant Carter, are made Barons of his Majeſty's Court of Exchequer, in Room of Mr. Baron Price and Mr. Baron Page.

Prices of Goods at Bear Key.

Wheat, 28 to 33 ſh. Rye, 17 to 21 ſh. Barley, 18 to 21 ſh. Oats, 10 to 13 ſh. Boiling Peaſe, 28 to 32 ſh. Hog Peaſe, 22 to 24 ſh. Old Beans, 22 to 24 ſh. New Beans, 19 to 21 ſh. Brown Malt, 22 to 25 ſh. Pale ditto, 24 to 27 ſh. Diſtillers ditto, 17 to 19 ſh. Hops, 3 l. to 3 l. 10 ſh.

On Monday next one Coleman is to ſtand upon the Pillory at the lower End of the Minories, purſuant to his Sentence at the late Seſſions at Guildhall, for Sodomitical Practices.

And the next Day one Hyons is to ſuffer the ſame Puniſhment in Smithfield, for the like Crime.

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Paris, Oct. 28. As it appears by repeted Advices from Spain, that Count Coningſeck daily ingratiates himſelf more and more at the Court of Madrid, and that the Bonds of Friendſhip between their Imperial and Catholick Majeſties are knit tighter and tighter, our Court ſeems determined not to let themſelves be amuſed any longer, but, jointly with a neighbouring Kingdom, prepare in good earneſt againſt War, which Europe is threatned with; inſomuch, that ſeveral Perſons who undertook the furniſhing the Troops of this Kingdom with Bread, Forage, *&c.* have been ſent for by Mr. Leblanc.

Laſt Week an Extraordinary Counſeil was held at Fountainbleau, on account of Diſpatches ſent from Berlin by the Count of Rottemburg, our Miniſter at that Court, by which he acquaints our Regency with a Treaty concluded between the Emperor and the King of Pruſſia. At the Concluſion of the Council two Expreſſes were diſpatched, one for London, another for Stockholm: However, Peo-

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ple here do not queſtion the Acceſſion of the Court of Sweden to the Treaty of Hanover. As for the King of Sardinia, 'tis talked, that upon the Invitation made to him on the part of the Emperor, to accede to that of Vienna, he demanded ſeveral Things the Imperial Court cannot poſſibly grant.

Lisbon, Oct. 26. The 6 Dutch Men of War under the Command of Vice-Admiral Somelſdyke and Rear-Admiral Van-Coperen, are ſtill here, but are preparing to ſail for Holland in a few Days.

London, Nov. 5. The Squadron of his Majeſty's Ships under Sir Charles Wager is arrived from the Baltick, Part at Portſmouth, and the reſt at the Nore.

On Thurſday-night was ſolemnized the Funeral of his Grace the Duke of Portland, late Governor of Jamaica, in a very pompous Manner, from Jeruſalem Chamber to King Henry VII's Chapel in Weſtminſter Abbey, where the Corpſe was depoſited: The Choir ſung before it, and the Lord Biſhop of Rocheſter, as Dean of Weſtminſter, officiated.

S. S. Stock, 97, 1 8th. Annuities, 91, 1 8th. India, 129, 1 half. Bank, 119, 1 half. York Buildings, 8.

Benefit TICKETS drawn in the preſent State LOTTERY, on *Saturday* the 29th and *Monday* the 31ſt, being the 36th and 37th Days.

Num.	*Value.*	*Num.*	*Value.*	*Num.*	*Value.*
52516	500	88371	100	76965	100
96883	100	83940	100	33909	100
8460	100	26092	100	69141	100
55314	100	51745	100	81921	100
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And 306 of 20 l. each.

Total drawn from the Beginiung, 5770.

Benefit TICKETS *drawn on Tueſday the 1ſt, and Wedneſday the 2d, being the 38th and 39th Days.*

Num.	*Value.*	*Num.*	*Value.*	*Num.*	*Value*
90665	500	23489	100	71265	100
79128	100	3689	100	50648	100
42438	100	2382	100	17793	100
53423	100	21340	100	11724	100
92931	100	35526	500	30915	100
15893	100	82936	100	43872	100

And 317 of 20 L. each.

Total drawn from the Beginning, 6105.

Since our laſt arrived two Mails from Holland, and one from France.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Nov. 8.

ACcording to Advices from Cadix of the 16*th* paſt, the Motives which induced the Court of Madrid not to permit for the future any Dutch Men of War to come into the Ports of Spain, are, "That the States General having reſolved ſome "Years ſince to ſend a Squadron againſt the Corſairs of Algiers, his Catholick Majeſty then gave "Orders to admit into his Ports the Ships of "that Squadron: But the War being ended with "the Algerines, by the Peace between them and "the States General, his Catholick Majeſty had "ordered not to permit for the future, under any "Pretence whatſoever, that Squadron, or any o-"ther Ship of theirs armed for War, to enter in-"to any of the Ports of his Dominions."

But after all, 'tis believed the Acceſſion of the States General to the Hanover Treaty, was the chief Cauſe of iſſuing the above Orders. And notwithſtanding which, 'tis probable they may be viſited by a Squadron of Dutch Men of War, which will act in Concert with that of G. Britain, in caſe the Differences now ſubſiſting are not accommodated againſt next Spring; of which there ſeems but little Likelihood, the Court of Madrid being ſo buoyed up with her new Allies, particularly the Emperor; who 'tis ſaid is interceeding with the Republick of Genoa, to obtain for his Catholick Majeſty the Port of Spezza for a Place of Arms. And by the Treaty with the Czarina, 'tis ſtipulated, among other Things, to aſſiſt each other, in caſe of a War, with 30,000 Men; to concert Meaſures together, for diſpoſſeſſing their Enemies from ſuch Provinces as they have uſurped; and that the Ruſſian Ships may, in caſe of Neceſſity, retire into any of the Ports of the Emperor or King of Spain.

According to Advices from Dantzick, the Czarina has already great Garriſons in Livonia & Courland, which are to be conſiderably reinforced, and ſo poſted, that 30,000 Men may on the firſt Notice march wherever they ſhall be commanded. In the mean time, we do not find ſhe has as yet been able to bring her Projects to bear at the Poliſh Diet at Grodno. And from Stockholm we are told, that Count Welling, who has all along been the Orator and Director of the Party that eſpouſed the Intereſt of Ruſſia and Holſtein, was on the 18th paſt put under Arreſt by the Secret Committee, and all his Papers ſeized, on account of his holding a criminal

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Correſpondence, the Particulars of which are not divulged.

Sir William Bon we hear is embarked on board a Spaniſh Ship for Madrid, from whence 'tis adviſed by Letters juſt arrived, That his Catholick Majeſty, in order to ſupply the Want of Money occaſioned by the Detenſion of the Galleons, has demanded of two famous Bankers of that City 100,000 Piſtoles each, alſo great Sums of other Perſons, and likewiſe 200,000 Pieces of Eight, of the College of Commerce of Seville. This ſhews what Shifts the Spaniards are put to, and on the other Hand, the good Effects that have attended the Meaſures taken by our Government, in oppreſſing and oppoſing the Deſigns of thoſe Potentates who had laid Foundations for new Troubles in Europe, and the happy Proſpect of having his Majeſty's Endeavours crown'd with Succeſs; ſo that the Nation cannot but with the greateſt alacrity contribute to whatever ſhall be judged requiſite for the Completion of thoſe glorious Ends.

The Lord Viſcount Allen of Ireland died laſt Saturday Night.

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Vienna, Oct. 23. A Marriage is again much talked of between the youngeſt Archdutcheſs, and the Infant Don Carlos, and that in ſuch Caſe that Prince is to have beſides the Title of King of Lumbardy, that of Governor of all the Countries in Italy poſſeſt by the Emperor,

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Rome, Oct. 9. The Chevalier Buſſy, having been ſent with two of the Pope's Gallies to Leghorn; People form various Conjectures about it, and ſome are apt to think they are deſigned for the Uſe of the Chevalier de St. George.

Hague, November 11. This Day the Drums began to beat about our Streets, for enliſting of Men for augmenting the Troops of the Republick.

Paris, Nov. 1. The Queen having had ſome Symptomes of Pregnancy, abſtains from going much abroad, however the Surgeons of her Majeſty will wait till the 15th Inſtant, before they declare their Opinion about that Matter poſitively; if her being with Child ſhould be confirmed, the Court will reſide the whole Winter at Fountainbleau.

Dumbarton, Nov. 8. This Day John Smith, of the Pariſh of Roſneath, was committed to our Tolbooth, having in December 1725, murdered his own Siſter Katharine Smith, and in September laſt, his own Wife Margaret Campbell; which barbarous Murders he accompliſhed by throwing them into a Rivulet, and holding their Heads down till they died. He was apprehended by Order of the Honourable John Campbell of Mamore, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of Peace, on Thurſday laſt, and denied the Facts (notwithſtanding the Precognitions taken) till Sunday Morning, when, underſtanding ſome Papers of his were found, diſcovering an Intrigue betwixt him and a young Woman of the Pariſh, he confeſſed both Murders, firſt to his Father in Law, then before the Hon. John Campbell and the Miniſter of the Pariſh, and afterwards before three Juſtices of the Peace, which Confeſſion he ſigned; and being immediately after carried to Church, he publickly acknowledged the Murders, but it was obſerv'd, that not one in the Church but ſeem'd more affected than he. He acknowledged he got no Manner of Provocation from either, but that his Wife was both kind and obliging. Yeſterday he made a judicial Confeſſion before the Baillie of the Regality of Lenox, in whoſe Juriſdiction the Crimes were perpetrate. There ſeems to have been a particular Interpoſition of Providence in the Diſcovery of theſe Murders, the Particulars whereof you may afterwards hear. He is ſhortly to be brought upon his Trial, when 'tis not doubted he'll meet with the Deſert of his Crimes.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†¶† There is a general Meeting of the Creditors of the deceaſt Mr. Andrew Rumlay of Abbotſhall, appointed to be at Edinburgh, upon Tueſday the 22d Day of November Inſtant, at three a-clock after Noon, in the Houſe of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, where the Creditors or their Doers, are deſired to be preſent, ſeveral Matters of Importance being then to be laid before them.

† Theſe are to give Notice, That whoſoever hath a good Horſe for a Brewer's Service, let them call at Baillie Hay's Lodging near the Weſt Port, and they will meet with ſuteable Encouragement.

†¶† The Truſtees of the Creditors of the Right Honourable the Earl of NORTHESK, hereby appoint a General Meeting of the Creditors to be held on the Fifteenth of November next, at 4 a-clock after Noon, in John's Coffee-houſe: Where the Truſtees are to lay before the Creditors what Steps they have made in the Management of the Affairs committed to them, and will explain what Cauſes it is owing to that greater Progreſs has not been made therein; to the end the Creditors may apply the proper Remedy, and come to ſuch Reſolutions as may enable the Truſtees to proceed in the further Management of their Affairs with greater Benefit to the Creditors, and with leſs Trouble and Loſs of Time to the Truſtees.

¶¶¶ That upon Thurſday the 24th of November Inſt. betwixt the Hours of 10 & 12 before Noon, there is to be ſett in Tack by way of publick Roup, within the Houſe of Robert Colquhoun at Milburn of Touch, for the Space of Nine Years, the PARKS OF TOUCH, conſiſting of ſixty Acres of fine Kerſe Ground in ſeven Diviſions, whereof five are Meadow Ground: As alſo Fourteen Acres of fine Dry-field Ground not incloſed, in whole or in Parcels, lying in the Pariſh of St. Ninian's, two Miles Weſt from Stirling.

The Articles and Conditions of Roup may be ſeen in the Hands of the ſaid Robert Colquhoun any Day before the Roup.